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RETURNS FOR VISIT AFTER 23 YEARS

Dr. J. C. Adkins, of Marion, Ind. who has been in Medford for the past month visiting his brother, Dr. B. F. Adkins, of this city, left Saturday for couple of weeks after which he will coming two years: join Mrs. Adkins who is visiting at Walla Walla. Dr. Adkins was in Medford 23 years ago, when Medford was only a village-and a very small one. Says Dr. Adkins, "As I look over your splendid city of today structures of granite, concrete and brick. All of these transformations are surely monuments to the memory of your progressive, energetic and hustling townspeople. I like the way your women are taking hold of everyone of them for anything they lows: wanted, and if not closely watched would surely be a ward 'repeater.'

Mr. Adkins was accompanied to Portland by Dr. Adkins of this city who has almost entirely recovered his good health and who will visit his daughter in Portland for a few

ASHLAND DEFEATS MEDFORD 41-20

ing defeated the Medford high school evidently realized that a team must train before the season and not depend upon its main games for prac-

LOCAL MASONIC LODGE CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS

A. F. & A. M. Friday evening, the election being followed by a light repast. The newly elected officers stalled next week.

O. N. G. ELECT FIRST LIEUTENANT WEDNESDAY

The Oregon National Guards met Wednesday evening and the general tenant and E. T. Foss still held the second lieutenantship. Philip P. Marion, who was first lieutenant. has been transferred to Seattle by the telephone company, thus leaving of proportion to results. So much for finances. a vacancy. Foss, who was second Heutenant, should have been promoted to first lieutenant, but on his

SULZER GUEST OF

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-William Sulzer, governor-elect of New York, will be the guest of honor at a banquet here tomorrow night at the Waldorf Astoria, to be given by leading New York democrats.

The speakers will include President Elect Woodrow Wilson, Champ Clark, Mayor Gaynor, Judge Alton B. Parker and William J. Bryan.

John A. Perl Undertaker 28 S. BARTLETT

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THE O. A. C .- ITS COST TO THE STATE.

P RESIDENT KERR of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis has a communication in this issue on The Democratic Times, The Medford the attitudes platitudes and finances of the O. A. C. A discussion of these subjects is timely, as the college has discussion of these subjects is timely, as the college has Office Mail Tribune Building, 25-27-29 requested of the new legislature \$249,000 more for buildings and repairs, and an increase in the maintainance fund apparently there is no bottom to the taxpayers purse. GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager of \$50,000 annually, making it \$200,000 a year.

According to Lord's Oregon laws, the O. A. C. has the

Sec. 4260 ganual maintainance Sec. 4263 annual agricultural institutes Sec. 4263 annual dry land experiments Sec. 4275 annual Umatilla Irrigation project	2300
The 1911 Legislature appropriated as follows: Chap. 30, 1911, annually, additional maintainance Chap. 76, 1911, annually agricultural experiments South Oregon	\$88,000 \$70,000 ern
Chap. 144, 1911, annually investigating crop pests. Chap. 230, 1911, annually agricultural investigation. Chap. 227, 1911, annually flureau of mines.	16,000 10,000
Total annual appropriation Other Appropriations Chap. 204, 1911, street paving Chap. 91, 1911, building lands equipment, etc.	
Total Total received in past two years \$189,000 annually two years. Other appropriations	**********
Total cost to taxpayers for past two years	

If the legislature grants the demands of the board the against the Agricultural college is gents that it is impracticable for Portland where he will visit for a O. A. C. and its stations will cost the taxpayers for the

New b	Annual maintainance \$239,000 a year New buildings and repairs	\$478,000
	Total	\$727,000

From the above it is plain that despite the large appro-I cannot but marvel at its wonderful priations received two years ago, and the plea of economy growth. Where 22 years ago I could and dire need, made by President Kerr, the O. A. C. is see only chaparell brush I now see demanding more and more—and will yet demand ted that the college needed, and magnificent business and public more. This year it's a library, next year it will be some-should have received, and thing else and the need be represented just as great.

And what do the taxpayers receive from this? Eliminating the cost of the various experiment stations and other side issues, which is relatively little, the entire amount purpose of "extorting" excessive apcity improvement affairs and if I was goes to the college proper. The number of students ena voter in Medford I would vote for rolled by actual count in the O. A. C. catalogue is as fol-

In college work— University grade—Graduates, 27; Seniors, 127; Juniors, 100; Sopho- mores, 162; Freshmen, 351; total Preparatory—First year, 85; second year, 111; total Optional, 20; Specials, 60; Pharmacy, short course, 23; total	761 196
Total regular attendants college year In winter short courses of a few weeks duration: Agriculture—Graduates, 56; non-graduates, Agriculture, 2; Agronomy 50; Animai H. 37; Dairy Hus. 44; Poultry 7; Horticulture, 274; total Domestic Science Mechanical Arts Business Methods	470 104 29
Forestry	
Total in winter short courses 91	.618
Summer school, short course143	204
Total of all students catalogued	1912

These figures are compiled from the O. A. C. catalogue, the reading room, when growded to basketball team by a score of 41 to yet the catalogue gives the total of students attending as its limit, accommodates only 108 its institution the people have 26. The game was played at Ashland. Medford showed a great improvement in form over the recent Central Point game, but was no match for the Ashlanders, who have make a showing to secure large appropriations? match for the Ashlanders, who have make a showing to secure large appropriations?

An analysis of these figures shows that only a relative-the college authorities decided to get ly small proportion of the students remain throughout the along without the library building year-most of those are short term students who attend for another two years. In this confrom a week or two to a few months. The preparatory that at the recent meeting of the students should be in high schools and not educated at board of regents, even though the state expense. The catalogue shows 215 students in pre-library building is more badly needparatory, 618 in winter short courses, 143 in summer ed now than two years ago. It was school, yet they are compared with the full year students thought unavoidable that provision in other colleges as a basis of cost in other colleges as a basis of cost.

The O. A. C. claims in agriculture 1735 students. The The annual election of officers actual count in the catalogue shows only 303 students in ly needed. The present gymnasium give away 200 etched New Year was held by Medford lodge, No. 103, regular term, and 470 in short courses, a total of 773, mak- was constructed eighteen years ago. ing a deficiency of 962 names-in other words padded or and is entirely inadequate even for inflated to this number. It is because the farmer and for women as well. Hesides, the are: E. E. Gore, W. M.; Harry H. people generally are under the impression that a great same building must also serve as an Hicks, S. W.; L. A. Gregory, J. W.; number of students are studying agriculture that the O. auditorium for all general assem-J. A. Perry, treasurer, and W. T. A. C. has been enabled to grab big appropriations, while bles and for college entertainments. Goulder, secretary. They will be in- the university has met referendums.

On the basis of unit student enrollment, followed by the higher educational institutions of the country, that is, instruction for one student for an average school year, or thirty-six weeks, the student units at the O. A. C. totals 872 for 1910-11, so that the per student buildings value is business that always comes up at \$735, as against \$396 at the University of Illinois, \$507 at the weekly meetings was transacted. the University of Minnesota, \$695 at the University of Tom Osgood was elected first lieu- Wisconsin, and \$255 at the University of Oregon.

Oregon is rapidly growing and expanding and educational institutions should not be crippled by nigardly revenues. Neither should they be inflated or built up out

As to whether the O. A. C. fought the millage bill-this is a matter hard to prove. It certainly did not support itown behalf and for the benefit of and there is good reason to believe it fought it. The official the company he nominated Osgood. Vote on the millage bill in Benton county was Yes 908, No 1333. If the sentiment of the O. A. C. had been friendly to the bill, it would have certainly carried Benton. Atten-HONOR AT BANQUET tion is called to the following letter sent every O. A. C. alumnus and student just previous to the election:

Pendleton, Oregon, Oct. 21, 1912.

Dear Fellow Graduate:

Upon my individual responsibility, but with the advice of some good friends of O. A. C. I write to ask you to oppose initiative Bill No. 320-321. It is the miliage bill which if adopted will throw the U. of O. and the O. A. C. under a single board of regents. I am convinced that this bill can do our Alma Mater no good and may cause the school much harm if adopted. Each school should stand upon its own bottom and advance in accordance with its school should stand upon its own bottom and advance in accordance with its individual merits. O. A. C. has grown and done well standing by itself under a board of its own. Let it remain upon that basis. The bill now up ties the two schools together and will make O. A. C.—the stronger and more popular school—carry its weaker rival through upon its shoulders. Furthermore I fear there is menace to O. A. C. in the single board plan. I am a supporter of Governor West and believe he will be entirely fair in selecting the new board should the bill carry. But I fear the future. There will be a continual struggle for mastery of the board. Our friends of the University are craftier than we as politicians and I am afraid will beat us at the game should a single board be provided. O. A. C. will be safer standing by itself and looking to the whole people for support. Keep Phones M. 471 and 473
the schools under separate management as at present. If the millage tax lance Service Deputy Coroner plan is wanted a separate bill should be presented for each school. O. A. C.

can get all the mones it needs. Let the University took out for itself and fare according to tra deserts. Vote NO on the single board of regents bill. Get your friends to do

Yours for O. A. C., E. B. ALDRICH, '00

Some enlightenment as to who these "good friends of the O. A. C." were might be shed by Mr. Kerr. The writer boasts "the O. A. C. can get all the money it needs"-and

O. A. C. Needs, Finances and Attitude Discussed by President Kerr

To the Editor:

to your editorial, "faviting the Fate lum or for an auditorium. of the Normals," in which it is alleged (1) that the Oceann State Agricultural college has obtained excessive appropriations from the state legislature; (2) that it is antagonistic to the state university; (3) that it has contributed to he defeat of the university appropriatlons, and (4) that its object is eventually "to absorb the university." I am not disposed to engage ply to any ordinary criticism that might appear in the press. Howthese questions.

That the demands of the Agricultural college upon the state legislature and the appropriations it has received have not been excessive is attested by the fact that during each | the state. of the last two sessions of the legislature it has been generally admitbeen practicable for the state to provide the money. No lobby has been maintained at Salem for the copriations. On the contrary, the timates and afforded opportunity for the investigation of its needs by the legislature or its committees. For instance, two years ago, after careful investigation on the ground, the ways and means committees not only approved all the amounts requested by the Agricultural college, but added \$3500 thereto, and the legislature made the appropriations practically without opposition, it was suggested by many in the legislature and out that an additional appropriation sufficient to provide a library building at least should be made.

The college has no library building and never has bad. Its books, now numbering 22,000 volumes and 25,000 namphlefs, are stored in five classrooms, largely inaccessible, and for another blennium

A gymnasium building is also bad-

And yet the college is not asking for My attention has just been called an appropriation for a new gymnas-

In many other respects the demands upon the college are greater than can be met because of inadequate funds; e. g., the work in highway engineering was suspended this year for want of money with which to pay the professor. These are only illustrations of the policy being pursued by the college, given in justis fleation of the claim that its demands upon the legislature have not been excessive, but that the lustitution is most economical and considerate in its claims upon the state. ever, the character of your strictures in fact, it is recognized by the resuch that I deem it my duty, in the the state, with its present populainterest of truth and fairness, briefly tion, to provide all the funds necesto indicate the faces in regard to sary to meet even the most pressing needs of the college. The constant effort is to adapt the policy of the institution to conditions as they are and to make the best use possible of the funds provided in the service of

Regarding the attitude of the Agricultural college toward the state university, it is only necessary to say that this institution has not been anappropriated or even requested, had tagonistic toward the university and is not true, no matter from what source the information came. The whatever to do with the referendums oliege has merely submitted its ex- against the university appropriations, neither did it oppose the miliage bill. Furthermore, the Agricultural college not only has not promoted. but on the contrary has openly opposed the consolidation of these in stitutions.

The fact is, the Oregon State Ag ricultural college is attending strictly to its own business. Its chief concern is that the resources at its command shall be utilized in the mos effective way in rendering the service for which it is maintained. It occupies its own distinctive field. without envy, jealousy or animosity toward any other institution. Its policy is entirely in the open. There is no reason why any one should fort or desire to conceal, minimize or magnify anything. Its entire polmounts required were at best large, port which are justified strictly on

Respectfully, W. J. KERR. Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis, Or., December 19, 1912.

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